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SUBJECT:POLICY ON AMERICAN FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS - REFUGEES

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS
PLYING NORMAL TRADE ROUTES OFF THE COASTS OF VIET-NAM ARE
FINDING POCKETS OF VIETNAMESE ON SMALL BOATS. WE DO NOT
KNOW THE NUMBERS INVOLVED AT THIS TIME NOR HOW LONG THIS
SITUATION MAY LAST.

2. SHIP CAPTAINS MAY BE PICKING UP THOSE PERSONS WHO THEY
DETERMINE TO BE IN DISTRESS OR ENDANGERED.

3. OUR POLICY IS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WHO
ARE PICKED UP BY AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS ON INTERNATIONAL
WATERS.

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4. WE HAVE ASKED THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MERCHANT SHIPPING TO INFORM SHIPPING LINES OF THE ABOVE AND TO ASK AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS TO INFORM THEIR SHIPPING AGENTS IN THEIR NEXT PORT OF CALL OF THE NUMBERS WHO ARE PICKED UP. THE SHIPPING AGENTS ARE IN TURN TO NOTIFY THE EMBASSY IN ORDER THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT.

5. UNLESS PORT OF CALL IS MANILA, WE WILL WORK WITH ICEM TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO GUAM.

6. ACTION ADDRESSEES: INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CASES FALLING INTO THE ABOVE CATEGORY. KISSINGER

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